WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 11TH MAY, 2007*

Development of Logistic Parks

*521. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways plan to develop logistic parks to serve as 'one-stop shop' at various places alongside the route of the proposed dedicated freight corridor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of plots that are proposed to be developed on the ECoR system?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) As a part of study for the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) RITES have recommended setting up of Logistics Parks along the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) on Western and Eastern routes. In the Western Corridor, Kalyan-Ulhasnagar area or Vashi-Belapur area in Mumbai, Gandhidham, Vapi and Ahmedabad in Gujarat, Jaipur in Rajasthan and NCR Delhi and in Eastern Corridor, Kanpur and Ladhowal (Ludhiana) have been identified.

(c) No place has been identified on East Coast Railway (ECoR) so far for setting up the Logistic Park.

Laying of water pipelines crossing the railway track

*522. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURENDRA MOTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is necessary for the States to get permission from the Railway authorities for laying water pipelines where these have to cross the railway track;

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*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 11th May, 2007 was adjourned on account of celebrations organised in memory of the heroes of the First War of Independence launched in 1857. Answers to Questions put down in the list for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday, the 14th May, 2007.

(b) if so, whether the delay in permission caused the delay in implementation of the projects;

(c) the number of such proposals received from the various States which are pending with the Railways for the last three years, particularly for the State of Gujarat; and

(d) by when these proposals would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways try their best to give permission expeditiously. The permission is given only if the proposal is complete, feasible & does not affect safety of trains, and only after the concerned party has deposited the required fees and met all the stated requirements. There may have been cases of delay. At Railway's end, a watch shall be kept that there is no delay.

(c) A total of 249 such proposals are pending over Indian Railways State-wise data is not maintained.

(d) Permissions will be granted expeditiously by Railways, subject to prescribed rules, and completing of all formalities by the parties/State Governments.

Reduction of maternal deaths

523. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of one lakh deliveries, 300 pregnant women die every year and with only an average of 16 point reduction in figure, India cannot reach its Millennium Development Goals of lowering the maternal deaths to 200 by 2007 and 109 by 2015;

(b) whether this conclusion is based on the study report released by Government in October, 2006;

(c) whether after receiving the report, strong Government policies would be required to meet the target; and